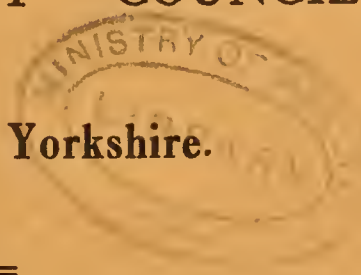


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RIPON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

Population—5367. Area in Acres—49,427.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year 1913 as Medical Officer of Health.

Attached hereto are statistical returns of Births and Deaths, at what age the Deaths have occurred, and if from Zymotic disease the character of such disease.

A summary of these returns show the following facts, namely :—

That 97 Births have been registered, namely : 47 males and 50 females, being at the rate of 18'2 per 1000 per annum, as against 22, the average for the previous 5 years. Two births were illegitimate. The birth-rate in England and Wales for 1912 was 23'8 per 1000.

That 82 Deaths have been registered, namely : 38 males and 44 females, being at the rate of 15'2 per 1000 per annum, as against 12'9, the average for the previous 5 years.

5 Deaths occurred in infants under one year, being at the rate of '92 per 1000 per annum, and a rate of 51'5 per 1000 Births. In England and Wales for 1912 it was 95 per 1000.

There were 46 Deaths of persons over 65 years of age, being at the rate of 8·5 per 1000 per annum, and 56% of the deaths.

One Death occurred from Diphtheria, 4 from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 2 from other Tubercular Diseases, 8 from Cancer, 2 from Meningitis, 10 from Heart Disease, 7 from Bronchitis, 1 from Pneumonia, 2 from Appendicitis, 2 from Cirrhosis of Liver, 3 from Nephritis, 3 from Congenital Debility, 3 from Violent Deaths, 1 Suicide, and 33 from other defined diseases.

I have received 11 notifications of infectious diseases, namely :

1 case of Diphtheria at Skelton.

1 do Erysipelas at Markington.

2 cases of Scarlet Fever at Fountains.

1 case of Scarlet Fever at Ingerthorpe.

1 case of Enteric at North Leys.

1 case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis at Laverton.

2 do do do Studley.

1 do do do Markington.

1 do do do Sawley.

On visiting the premises where the case of Erysipelas occurred, I found the drains in the yard in an offensive condition, and the closet likewise, owing to defective ventilation.

All the other houses and premises where infectious diseases occurred were visited and inspected, but no sanitary defects were found. In every case I gave instructions as to disinfecting the premises, &c.

The average number of persons per house in the District, according to the last census, was 3·68.

The majority of the inhabitants in this district are engaged in Agricultural pursuits.

I received notice from the Inspector under the Disease of Animals Act of a milk cow suffering from "Tuberculosis with Emaciation." The cow was slaughtered and the premises disinfected.

At North Lees there has been a shortage of water for some time, causing much inconvenience, this was represented to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the Owners of the property, and they took the matter in hand.

Water from a spring a little distance away was brought in pipes by gravitation and run into a concrete tank, which contains 400 gallons, about 35 yards from a row of cottages, and from this tank it is drawn by a pump.

The scheme works well, and the cottages are well supplied.

At Galphay it has been necessary to find a fresh water supply, and the work has been carried out by Mr. Hymas, at an expense of £100 16s. 0d.

A deep well has been sunk just outside the Village and a plentiful supply found, sufficient for all requirements.

At Red House, Sutton, and at Sutton Grange, the supply of water has been very intermittent, and occasionally for days there has been none.

The inconvenience has been great, water having to be brought from a considerable distance.

The owner of the property has been informed of this, and I am in hopes that the matter will be attended to.

In last year's report I mentioned that the work for a better supply of water for the village of Skelton was progressing, and I have now to report that work is completed, and in good working order.

The water, which is of good quality, is obtained from a well at some distance from any houses and is pumped by an oil engine into a tank capable of holding 10,000 gallons.

This tank is constructed of cyprus wood placed on concrete pillars, and is 40 feet above the ground, so that the water will gravitate to the highest point in the village.

It is conducted by 3in. pipes to five stand pipes at different points in the village street, and seven premises have a direct supply from the pipes.

About 60 houses are supplied.

The whole of the work has been done at the expense of R. C. Vyner, Esq., of Newby Hall.

3 samples of Water were sent from the following places to the County Analyst, namely :

1 from new well, Galphay. 1 from well at Front Lodge, Grantley Hall. 1 from Red House Farm, Sutton.

All of which were reported upon as being of good quality.

753 inspections have been made under the Public Health Acts.

43 nuisances have been reported, and 4 informal and 22 stationary notices have been served.

36 nuisances have been abated.

The drainage of Studley Royal has been thoroughly overhauled, also the drain at Mr. Wade's house, Studley Park.

New drains have been laid from the Chapel, Kirkby Malzeard, also from Mr. Gregg's and Mr. Thackwray's premises in the same village.

At Sharow, new drains have been laid at Mr. Gowland's, and a septic tank constructed.

8 Water Closets have been put in during the year, namely : 6 at Sharow, 1 at Markington, and 1 at Kirkby Malzeard.

14 Pail Closets have been re-constructed.

12 Ashpits have been covered, namely : 8 at North Leys, 3 at Kirkby Malzeard, and 1 at Risplith.

The drainage of the village of Sharow is now in progress.

UNDER THE HOUSING ACT.

151 inspections have been made, and the following defects have been found :—

ALDFIELD.

9 houses defective in eavespouting.

1 do do roof.

BISHOP MONKTON.

1 house, ventilation and fall pipes defective.

1 house defective in roof, floor, eavespouting, and fall pipes, foundations damp.

GREWELTHORPE.

1 house, roof and ventilation defective.

KIRKBY MALZEARD.

3 houses, foundations damp and yards defective.

4 do do do do

MARKINGTON.

14 houses, roof and ventilation defective.

2 houses, ventilation and eavespouting defective, and back to earth.

2 houses, eavespouting defective, and built back to earth.

NORTH LEYS.

8 houses defective in eavespouting and fall pipes, yards in bad condition.

SUTTON.

3 houses, ventilation insufficient, roofs and ceilings defective.

These defections have been remedied in 42 cases, and the other 7 are in hand.

Houses in district	...	1206
Above £15	350
Under „	..	856
Number to inspect	58
Notices served	49
Notices not yet complied with	7

There are many houses of inferior quality in the district, and there are not enough good ones to house the population.

As regards the indifferent ones, I have hesitated in asking for a closing order for the reason that I consider inferior houses are better than none. It is absolutely essential that workmen should reside within a reasonable distance of their work.

The Surveyor supervises the erection of new houses.

There are 8 Slaughter Houses and 1 Knacker Yard in the district, which have been kept in good order.

There are 20 Milksellers and 20 Cowsheds in the area, all of which are in good order.

There are 4 registered Factories, namely :—

A Paper Mill at Bishop Monkton.

A Flax Mill at Bishopton.

A Dairy at Fountains.

A Dairy at Kirkby Malzeard.

No case of unwholesome milk or diseased meat or food unfit for the food of man being exposed for sale has occurred.

The following villages have Waterworks, viz. :—

Kirkby Malzeard, Grewelthorpe, Mickley, Bishop Monkton, Markington, Galphay, Skelton, and North Leys, parts of the Townships of Grantley, Littlethorpe, Studley Roger, Lindrick-with-Studley Royal and Fountains, Sharow, North Stainley and Clothierholme are supplied from Ripon Corporation Water Mains.

The following villages have sewers and outfall works, viz. :—

Kirkby Malzeard, Grewelthorpe, Bishop Monkton, Markington and Skelton, these have been kept in good order.

There has been no case of lead poisoning.

All the schools in the district have been inspected and found in a good sanitary condition.

I have sent copies of this report to the Local Government Board, the West Riding County Council, and the Home Office.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. COLLIER,

Medical Officer of Health.

